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Dear Applicant

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 2 December 2024 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

In the annual report and accounts 2023/24 for NHS North East and North Cumbria, on p182 there is a reference to an amount (922,314) relating to the purchase of healthcare from non-NHS bodies, my FOIs about this are:

1. What services was this used to purchase?
2. Which organisations were services purchased from and how much was spent with each?
3. What is the forecast amount for 2024/25?

In the same report and annual accounts also on p182, there is a reference to an amount (365) relating to consultancy costs, my FOIs about this are:

4. What services was this used to purchase?
5. Which organisations were services purchased from and how much was spent with each?
6. What is the forecast amount for 2024/25?

I look forward to hearing from you within the appropriate timescales.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. This is used to purchase a wide range of healthcare services including throughout both Primary and Secondary care settings such as All age Continuing Healthcare, Mental Health Services, General Practice Services and Community Services.
2. Services are purchased from a large number of organisations including Local Authorities, charities/voluntary sector, independent sector providers, GP practices, care homes and devolved administrations amongst others. Please see table below for further breakdown of the £922,314k.
3. Forecast amount is:

Purchase of Non NHS Healthcare	Independent/ Private	Voluntary / Not-for-Profit	Local Authorities	Devolved Administra- tions	2023-24 Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	N45A	N45B	N45C	N45E	N45F
Total Primary Healthcare Purchased	45,779	33	224	-	46,035
Purchase of Secondary Healthcare					
Social Care (Learning Difficulties)	14,489	960	27,408	-	42,858
Mental Health	42,113	24,017	66,776	-	132,907
Maternity	2	3,785	-	-	3,787
General and Acute	124,569	169	1,767	5,353	131,858
Accident and Emergency	876	24	-	-	901
Community Health Services	32,583	22,682	74,025	-	129,290
Continuing Care incl different types of NHS funded care provided on continuous basis	195,066	44	239,570	-	434,680
Total Healthcare Purchased	455,477	51,714	409,770	5,353	922,314

4. The ICB does not routinely analyse spend in this way to be able to provide an equivalent forecast for 2024/25.
5. This was for external consultancy fees supporting on a number of areas including the ICS Medium Term Financial Plan, ICS Estates infrastructure strategy, Health & Wellbeing support, learning and improvement strategy, and strategic organisational development advice. Spend is detailed in the table below:

Organisation	Spend, £
Alastair Parkinson	1,800.00
Bevcor Group Ltd	39,699.29
Carnall Farrar Ltd	20,000.00
Dean Royles Ltd	5,891.20
Deloitte LLP	234,000.00
Deloitte LLP	49,920.00
NTW Solutions Ltd	13,719.18
Grand Total	365,029.67

6. Forecast of £391k as at end of November 2024.

In accordance with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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